

# ATTORNEY REGULATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

9:30am - Noon

State Courts Building  
1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona  
Conference Room 109

### **Present**

#### **Committee Members**

Hon. William J. O'Neil (Chair)  
Alan P. Bayham, Jr  
James Drake, Jr  
George Riemer  
Patricia Sallen  
John Tuchi  
Maret Vessella  
Dr. Ronald R. Watson

### **Telephonically Present**

Emily Johnston  
J. Scott Rhodes

### **Absent**

Benny Click  
Pamela Treadwell-Rubin  
Hon. Lawrence Winthrop

### **AOC Staff**

Emily Holliday  
Kathleen Curry  
Mark Wilson  
Jackie Deventer

## **Regular Business**

9:41 a.m. Call to Order and Introductions

Judge William O'Neil, Chair

### **Business Items and Potential Action Items**

*No. 1* Review and Approve April 2013 ARC minutes

**Motion:** Approve April 2013 ARC minutes

**Moved by:** Patricia Sallen

**Seconded by:** George Reimer

**Vote:** Passed 7-0-6

*No. 2* Update by Subcommittees

- Admissions – John Tuchi
  - Updated presented by Patricia Sallen
    - Review of recent June forum regarding confidentiality and conference call from Connecticut Bar Examining Committee
    - Discussion of upcoming forums and topics
- Costs – Pamela Treadwell-Rubin
- Rules – Judge O'Neil
  - Comment for pending rule petitions closed until January
  - Rules subcommittee to look into an expansive overview of current Rules

*No. 3* Developing Evaluation Process – continued from April

Kathy Curry/Emily Holliday

- Early Bar Exam & Admissions –Emily
  - Petitioners and ARC to file report with Court in November 2015
    - Interim reports to be filed as well
    - The first measurement piece of success (pass) rate would be February 2014
    - Report will also look at those who took the exam early as opposed to those who waited until the following July exam
    - Questions to be developed prior to Spring exam
  - Attorney Admissions in other jurisdictions have been polled for input on how to survey applicants
    - Methods such as electronic survey, paper survey and other tools
  - The September, October Admissions Subcommittee meetings are set aside for exam issues, these dates along with November or December could be used to discuss the questions that applicants will be asked.
  - The proposed questions will be presented during the full ARC meeting in December
  - Discussion
    - Law school professors tracking student process
    - Law schools having a written policy regarding the early exam
    - Data collected by the schools is different from data collected by the Committee
    - If taking the bar exam early applicants will be required to complete their Character and Fitness early or on time

- Attorney Regulation- Kathy
  - Explanation of appellate court survey procedure using Survey Monkey
  - Discussion
    - What questions and what areas to evaluate
      - Efficiency of the system
    - Who to survey?
      - Respondents and their counsel; complainants; general lawyer population
      - Polling those currently going through the system?
      - A control or balance is needed for those who have only been through the regulation system once or have been on the losing side
  - Informal Subcommittee created to work on this regulation survey:
    - Maret Vessella, George Riemer, Scott Rhodes, Ron Watson, and Alan Bayham
    - Alternative to new Subcommittee or in addition to
      - Periodically hold meetings of ARC with one specific agenda item:
        - To invite those who participate in disciplinary process for the purpose of listening and gathering information

*No. 4*      Update by Chair on Future Business Judge William O'Neil

- Rules Subcommittee needs to begin meeting
- ARC as a whole, dedicate a meeting to listen to those who appear in front of panel and complainants regarding rules and the process of attorney regulation

*No. 5*      Call to Public

Meeting adjourned: 10:39am